

NEWS RELEASE

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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING TO MEET

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet in regular session on Wednesday, January 28, 2004 in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with an informal briefing session conducted by Division of Oil, Gas and Mining staff members and the formal agenda will follow at 10:00 a.m.

Among the items to be presented during the briefing session are a status report on federal oil and gas leasing in Utah, status of mineral compliance rules, and an update on compliance with bonding rules.

AGENDA

1. Docket No. 2001-022, Cause No. 139-73 – In the Matter of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Requesting an Order to Plug Wells and Restore the Well Sites for Wells Operated by Road Runner Oil, Inc. and Gavilan Petroleum, Inc. in Duchesne and Uintah Counties.

*Operators are expected to address a specific plan and schedule for the disposition of the wells.*

2. Docket No. 2003-012, Cause Nos. DAR 26710, 26711, 26712, and 26713 – In the Matter of the Division's Request to Commence Formal Rulemaking to Amend the Coal Regulatory Program Rules at Utah Administrative Code R645-301-100 (Permit Changes), R645-301-500 (Professional Geologists Duties), R645-303-200 (Permit Changes), and R645-401 (Civil Penalty Amounts).

*The board will announce its decision with respect to rulemaking; the public comment period closed on 12/15/03.*

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3. Docket No. 2003-010, Cause No. 236-02 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of MAR/REG OIL CO. for an Order Approving an Enhanced Recovery Project by Waterflood and Water Injection in the East Brennan Bottom Unit, Uintah County, Utah, in Accordance with Utah Code Ann. Sec. 40-6-7 and 40-6-8; and Approving of Unitization of the Oil and Gas Formations; Unitization of the Oil and Gas Interests; and for Authority for Underground Injection of Fluids.

*Petitioner filed a motion to withdraw this matter.*

4. Docket No. 2004-001, Cause No. 210-04 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Westport Oil and Gas Company, L.P. for an Order Vacating in Part, and Modifying in Part, the Spacing Order in Cause No. 210-1 to Provide for the Drilling of Additional Wells to Achieve a Well Density Equivalent to 40-Acre Well Spacing, for Development of the Existing Communitized Area in the E½ of Section 4, and to Protect Correlative Rights Pertaining to Certain Identified Small Lots, for the Production of Gas and Associated Hydrocarbons from the Top of the Wasatch Formation Down Through the Base of the Mesaverde Group to Include the Sego Sandstone, Castlegate Sandstone and Black Hawk Formations in or Near the Bitter Creek Field Area, Comprising Sections 1-6 and 8-17 in Township 11 South, Range 22 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah.

*This matter has been continued to the February 25 board hearing.*

5. Docket No. 2004-002, Cause No. M/053/004 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action by Teck Cominco American Incorporated for an Extension of the Suspension Period under the Approved Notice of Intention for the Apex Mine in Washington County, Utah.

*Operator is seeking an extension of a suspension period.*

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